

HONORING SIDNEY TE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Sidney Te has served as an operating room Registered Nurse for 33 years. Sidney graduated from San Pedro College, Philippines with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1989. Her new adventure began when she and her husband moved to the United States in 1994.

Upon arriving, Sidney became a licensed Registered Nurse in New York in 1994 and has been a licensed Registered Nurse in Florida since 2002. Sidney has spent the majority of her career working in the operating room. Sidney is celebrating 20 years of exemplary work and has worked with Orlando Health since 2002.

During her time at Orlando Health, she has taken care of patients of all ages and has worked nearly every type of surgical procedure. Additionally, she is responsible for keeping patients safe during surgery by providing care before, during and after surgeries. Sidney is detailed oriented, adaptive, calm under pressure and able to juggle multiple priorities with ease.

Sidney is happily married with two kids. Together, they love all outdoor activities and traveling.

### CONGRATULATING JULIE FRY

### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julie Fry, a first-grade science teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School in Yakima, for winning the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching—the highest honor the government can bestow on a K–12 math or science teacher in the United States.

Julie's love of teaching and ability to innovate during challenging times has motivated and inspired her students, and her efforts to instill critical thinking skills and strong teamwork at such a young age is remarkable. STEM programs are vital to our communities, and the work Julie does for her students has not gone unnoticed.

I know she will continue to provide opportunities for students throughout Central Washington to gain interest, education, and involvement in the sciences, paving the way for the future generation of leaders in Central Washington.

My sincerest thanks go out to Julie for her commitment to our community, and I look forward to witnessing her students' future success.

I congratulate Julie on a job well done.

HONORING THE CITRUS COUNTY, FL SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, every American citizen should avidly and frequently acknowledge the selfless service and unmatched devotion to a difficult calling of those who humbly don the cloth of a law enforcement agency and serve behind the badge. These heroes are dedicated to keeping our communities safe while paying a price far more difficult and dangerous than anyone else—they put their lives on the line every day for our safety and protection. Indeed, short of our nation's members of the Armed Forces, they are the only profession in the United States of America that is expected to run towards the sound of gun fire.

While it is impossible to fully express our appreciation and utmost respect for these courageous public servants, we would be remiss if we didn't try. There is no greater courage than that of a law enforcement officer who is willing to sacrifice their life for others. Today, we pause and reflect on the selflessness of those who so willingly chose to serve the American people knowing the inherent risks. And, in spite of these risks, they get up every single day—including nights, weekends, and holidays, put on their uniforms, and report for duty.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast and the law enforcement officers who bravely and selflessly serve Citrus County. Established on June 2, 1887, for 135 years, these outstanding professionals have proudly served the citizens of Citrus County. Since their operations began, twelve Sheriffs have humbly stepped forward to serve their community. Sheriff Priest was the first sheriff of Citrus County in 1887, serving until 1896. Present day, as the county's 12th Constitutional Sheriff, Sheriff Mike Prendergast tirelessly serves his community and exceptionally promotes the importance of leadership and servitude throughout the agency, which is apparent through the various accolades of the agency's personnel. From their Volunteer of the Year, Nancy Doherty, who passionately assists those in need; their Civilian of the Year, Jasmine Snedeker, whose contributions were instrumental to the agency's many successes; to their Communications Officer of the Year, Samantha O'Conner, who's willingness to go beyond the scope of her duties to ensure the well-being of others; and their Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Sergeant Rachel Montgomery, for her superior leadership, work ethic and meritorious dedication to serving the citizens of her community; all reflect great credit upon their agency and the profession of law enforcement.

The Citrus County Sheriffs Office is just one of the many law enforcement agencies in our nation who continue to build upon the rich legacy of integrity and service above self. It is an honor to recognize this Agency and all men and women in law enforcement. As Americans, we should all take a moment to thank our men and women in law enforcement who represent the finest traditions of the "thin blue line." May God bless them and keep them safe.

REMEMBERING DR. JOHN B. SHIRLEY

### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Dr. John B. Shirley, a distinguished WWII veteran, and beloved veterinarian, who passed away at the age of 97 on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

On December 8, 1924, John was born in Southern California on a large family farm. He graduated from Newport Harbor High School in 1942 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943.

John served as part of the 15th Infantry Regiment of the Third Infantry Division as a squad leader, platoon sergeant, and acting platoon leader. In 1944 John and his platoon participated in Southern Landing, better known now as "D-Day." While liberating the village of Bannwihr in the Alsace region of France in December, he was wounded and taken hostage but quickly escaped and was treated in Paris and London.

He returned to his platoon in March 1945 and continued to fight in Germany at the rank of sergeant first class. John was a highly distinguished veteran receiving the Silver Star, Two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, the European Theater Operation Medal, and the French Legion of Honor.

John returned home in 1945 as a second lieutenant and began college at UC Davis. While there, he put his two younger sisters through college and met his wife, Helen. John graduated as a member of the inaugural class of veterinarians in 1952.

John and Helen moved to Livermore, California in 1954 to start his veterinary practice and opened the first animal hospital there in 1957. He was an extremely skilled surgeon and loved by the ranching community. John served his community as the mayor of Livermore from 1963 to 1965 and served on the city council from 1958 to 1966. John was also an active member of The Rotary Club of Livermore and served as president from 1967 to 1968. He remained connected to his military roots by joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1954 with whom he participated in the firing squad who performed the 21-gun salute at various events and ceremonies.

John and his family have been central figures in the Livermore community since 1954. We are grateful for his service and his dedication to our community and our veterans. John is survived by his sister Annette, four children, Steven, James, Barbara, and Patricia, six grandchildren, Christopher, Scott, Danielle, Jesse, Lisa, and Jeff, and eight great-grandchildren.

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### HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rachel Fried